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Name

Address

Re: Custodianship over law practice of Lori Deveny

Dear [Name]:

I understand that you are a former client of former Portland attorney Lori E. Deveny. The purpose of this letter is to inform you about developments concerning the closure of Ms. Deveny's law practice and the location of your legal file.

On July 26, 2018, the Oregon Supreme Court issued an order accepting Lori Deveny's resignation from the practice of law. As a result, if you have any pending legal matters you may need to hire another attorney to handle your legal matters. If you do not know the name of an attorney to consult, you may contact the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at 503-684-3763 or 1-800-452-7636, during regular business hours. The Bar recommends that you contact another attorney immediately so that all of your legal rights can be preserved.

The Court's order accepting Ms. Deveny's resignation designated an attorney as the recipient of Ms. Deveny's client files; however, that attorney did not receive Ms. Deveny's files. On October 25, 2018, the Multnomah County Circuit Court assumed jurisdiction over Ms. Deveny's law practice. The Multnomah County Circuit Court appointed the Oregon State Bar as custodian of Ms. Deveny's law practice, including all legal files, client trust funds and other property.

The Bar has your file available and can transfer it to you if you would like to have it. If you would like your file, you need to fill out the enclosed form that authorizes us to send your file to you and provides us the necessary contact information. Please complete, sign and return the form in the enclosed self-addressed envelope by no later than June 1, 2019. It is imperative that you act promptly so that all your legal rights will be preserved. If you do not respond to this letter, the bar will

destroy your file on June 1, 2019. The Bar and has engaged the services of the Oregon State Bar Professional Liability Fund to assist in file transfers.

If you believe Ms. Deveny converted your funds, you may consider submitting an application for reimbursement to our Client Security Fund. The Fund was created in 1967 to help reimburse clients who lose money or property as a result of dishonest conduct by their lawyer. Oregon lawyers developed the program and fund it with a mandatory assessment paid by all active members of the Bar. You will find additional information and application materials at [www.osbar.org/csf](http://www.osbar.org/csf).

If you believe you might have a claim with respect to the quality of Ms. Deveny's legal services, you may wish to contact another lawyer about the merits of such a claim or pursue it yourself. You or your new attorney may contact the Professional Liability Fund, Post Office Box 231600 Tigard, Oregon 97281-1600, if appropriate. The PLF provides professional liability (malpractice) coverage to most attorneys in private practice in Oregon. You can also reach the PLF and obtain a claim form by calling 503 639-6911.

If you believe that you have funds or other property in Ms. Deveny's possession, please contact me directly at the phone number or email address listed below.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosure